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who recently returned from a trim to Guatemala and El Salvador reported that there is much sympathy for Russia and North Korea, and hatred for North Americans, among intellectuals in these countries.

2. The majority of important intellectuals in Guatemala are Communists and receive sclaries from the government, who was impressed by the high standard of living they maintained. In talking with them he was unable to advance the slightest defense for the United States without being called a Yankee slave or a dirty reactionary. All of the anti-American and anti-imperialist propaganda was reportedly fomented by Arevalo, in whom his admirers find some similarity to "eron. It was pointed out that both men represent the reaction of socialism to American exploitation.

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3. The periodicals, do not exhibit the same anti-Americanism, because a country as small as Guatemala cannot a ford such arrogance. However, the people of Guatemala take into consideration this temporary necessity and await the day when it will no longer be necessary. Was convinced that the Communists in Guatemala receive instructions directly from the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, and said that those with whom he talked made no effort to conceal this.

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- 4. The following Nicaraguan exiles were the Arevalo government of Guatemala: Edelberto Torres, in the Department of Tublic Instruction; Armando Amador, in the Department of Labor; Alberto Crdonez Arguello, on Arevalo's propaganda staff; and Carlos Castillo Ibarra, who, while not actually employed by the government, receives money from the government to cover his living excenses.
- 5. Amador, who has also a bookstore in Guatemala City, recently received a shipment of books from a Mexican publisher, which were to have been sold at propaganda prices. However, Amador sold them commercially and made a sizeable profit. At a Communist meeting in Pexico City, the publisher of these books accused him of being an exploiter of the people, and said that no more books would be sent to him. Despite this affair Amador apparently continues to be in mood standing with the Party in Guatemala.

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